(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take to promote Budget hotels and accommodation to promote tourism?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) and (b) Hotels fix their own tariff structure. Due to shortage of hotel accommodation in some metro cities and important tourist destinations, the room tariffs are reported to be high.

(c) Ministry of Tourism has requested State/UT Governments and other land owning agencies like DDA, Ministry of Civil Aviation, Indian Railways etc. to allocate land for building hotels especially in the budget category. They have been advised to follow investor friendly land policies and single window approach for promoting hotel projects and also for allotting sites on revenue sharing basis, granting extra FSI/FAR for hotels, permitting extra commercial usage in the hotels etc., so that the Budget Hotels are promoted, further, in order to increased the number of rooms in the budget category, a scheme for approval of Guest houses and Incredible India Bed and Breakfast establishments has been introduced.

Development of special tourism area along the coastline in Puri

3632 SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:.

(a) whether Government propose to develop a special tourism area along the coastline in Puri;

(b) if so. the details thereof indicating the status of this project; and

(c) what is the action plan of the Centre to help the State both physically and financially, for speedy execution of this project to improve the economy of this backward region?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) There is no such proposal under consideration at present.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) To promote tourism the following projects have been approved for Puri in the Tenth Plan:

(Rs. in lakh)

SI.No.	Name of project	Amount sanctioned
2003-04		
1.	Development of Puri as a Tourist destination	394.55
2.	Integrated Development of tourist Circuit Bhubaneswar-Dhauli-Puri-Konark	720.09

Development of places of rock art in Orissa

3633. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Orissa propose to develop certain areas in the State that would be rich in rock art, as special interest destinations, to boost tourism in the State with the help of Indian Institute of Tourism and Travel management;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the rock art in the State dates back to around 3000 years and the State has over 105 excavated sites at different places that depict 10,000 years old art forms; and

(d) if so, what is the action plan of the Central Government to help to State in their project to improve the economy of this backward region?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) to (c) No such proposal has been received from Department of tourism, Government of Orissa.

(d) List of projects approved for State of Orissa during Tenth Plan is given in the Statement.